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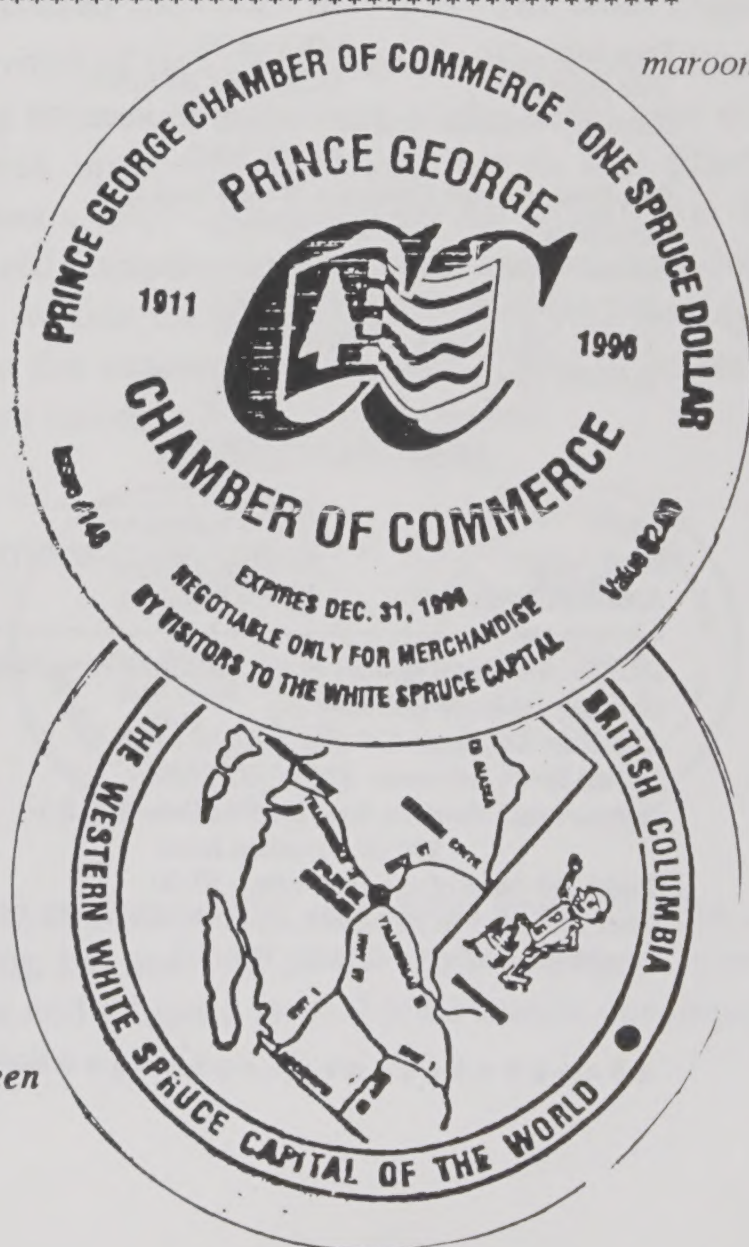
**Numismatic Network Canada:** Many thanks to *Ron Zelk* of Downsview, Ont., who has submitted a very comprehensive description of Numismatic Network Canada, of which our C.A.W.M.C. organization is now an active member. The entire article can be found over three pages (6, 7 and 8) of this newsletter.

**Renewals:** Our membership chairman, *Al Munro*, informs me that 1997 subscription renewals are coming in steadily. Please keep them coming and don't you forget to renew. As in the past, if you wish me, your editor, to *hold your monthly free wood* to send in one shipment per year, I will do so. Simply *let me know* via a note or postcard. We all know, only too well, how our postal system can mangle woods sent through the mail.

## **PRINCE GEORGE Chamber Of Commerce Wood:**

*By Jerry Remick*

The Chamber of Commerce of Prince George, British Columbia has issued the 1996, \$2.00 municipal token, made of white spruce wood. It is 3 5/16 inches in diameter and 1/8 inch thick. The wood is valid at participating merchants in Prince George for face value in merchandise until Dec. 31, 1996. As you can imagine, most woods are kept as souvenirs by tourists and the issue sells out very quickly. Mr. Henry Ham designed and manufactured 500 of this year's wooden tokens. The obverse side is a maroon colour and commemorates the 85th anniversary of Prince George Chamber of Commerce. The reverse side is green and shows a map of B.C. indicating the location of Prince George. This is the 148th issue of a large spruce wooden municipal token by this Chamber of Commerce. The first one was issued in 1958. The wood is available postpaid at \$3.64 for Canadian residents and \$3.50 for U.S. residents from: Prince George Chamber of Commerce 770 Brunswick St., Prince George, B.C. Can. V2L 2C2 or telephone (604) 562-2454.





**NEED FREE WOODS AND ARTICLES:**

Your editor is indeed in debt to those few people who consistently submit articles for "Timber Talk". Please keep these articles coming so that information and interesting anecdotes can continue to enhance this newsletter. If you know of a new wood, please inform us, and as well, try to get information as to how our members might go about securing one for their collection. I have, as well, over the past year received several free wood gifts to distribute monthly to our membership. These are all gratefully received in whatever quantity. I will soon, however, have to dip into my "grab bag" of many different issues, small in numbers, in order to continue the free wood of the month. Please, therefore, consider having an extra 135, or so, woods made to donate to our CAWMC members, when you are getting your next wood made. Thanks to all who have so far donated articles and free woods for this newsletter.

**CHRISTMAS WOODS TO SHOW:** I have already received one Christmas wood for 1996 and will show it next month. If you are issuing a Christmas wood, please send your editor a copy of it so I can show it, as well, in a future issue of "Timber Talk". Send also information on how members can obtain one of your woods.

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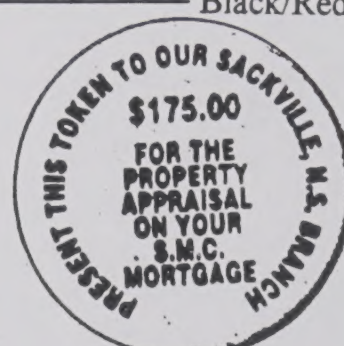
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Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'  
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1

**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH** Black/Red

Black/Red

John Maclean of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia can be thanked for donating this month's free wood. The wood is black and red on both sides and was used to promote property appraisal by the Scotia Bank in Sackville, Nova Scotia. The wood is listed in the Belsten listing under Halifax # 2450-047 with 800 issued and in the Atlantic Canada Rodger/Taylor 3rd edition listing # AC 2300-70 with 150 issued. I guess only John knows for sure how many were really issued. Thank you John.



## In Memoriam

It was with extreme dismay that I learned of the death of friend and fellow collector, Gene Nelson of Mobile, Alabama. Gene has been a member of C.A.W.M.C. for a number of years and was very active in collecting a variety of items. He specialized in woods and tokens relating to the Mardi Gras and to Joe Cain, an historical figure in his area. He had a mind boggling collection of bottles which he displayed in a special room he built to accommodate them. Coca-Cola memorabilia was also one of his favorites.

Gene owned and operated a successful photography business which reached its 30th anniversary in 1996. He issued several woods relating to this business. Many readers will recognize the familiar logo shown at right which appeared on many of those woods.



His generous hospitality extended to us on our visit through Mobile in 1992 will not be forgotten.

*Lou Vesh, President CAWMC*

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## WOODIES COLLECT IN COLORADO.....by Lou Vesh

The rarified air of Denver, Colorado, bolstered the claim that it is "The Mile High City". This, however, did not slow down the activities of the ANA or the satellite groups that gathered there in August of this year. Everything seemed to buzz along at the usual pace of this mega show. Surprisingly, I was able to pick up several Canadian woods that filled blanks in my collection, not the least of which was a 1961 Calgary \$1.00 flat (8140-36). I thought it rather remarkable to find this 35-year old Canadian wood so far removed from its geographical origin. There's no doubt about it, woods do get around. That was doubly proven when, at an auction the next day, I was the successful bidder on a bag of mixed woods and discovered I had bought one of my own issues, a 1991 pumpkinnickel!

My contribution to the array of woods struck for the occasion of this year's ANA is the 38 mm wood shown at right. The illustration is not a photocopy of the wood but rather a black and white facsimile. The actual wood is a maple blank stained dark walnut and hot stamped in a variety of metallic foils. The printing is silver and gold; the half circle line is blue; and the maple leaf is appropriately red.



Anyone wishing this wood may write to me at General Delivery, West Guilford, Ont., Canada, K0M 2S0. They are free for the asking but survival in the mails is almost non-existent. Better to send a \$buck to cover postage and I'll use a large 9 x 12 manila envelope that has a better chance of eluding the postal crunch.



**Personalized Christmas Woods**    *By Jerry Remick*

Details on personalized 1996 Christmas woods have been sent to me by six wood printers this fall. Please contact the printer or printers of your choice, as soon as possible, to obtain their brochure, showing details regarding designs and price data, so that you can place your order, at the very latest, early in November. Your personal reverse can include your name, municipality, 1996 and a short greeting or "Wooden Nickel". Please remember when mailing woods that round woods must be carefully protected by thick cardboard or they will be broken by the letter processing machines. Flat woods seem to be seldom broken in the mail. In the descriptions below, U.S. printers have U.S. prices and Canadian printers have Canadian prices.

**Norm Belsten:** 37 Neames Cres. Downsview, Ont. M3L 1K8, Phone (416) 247-7676. Norm offers five holiday designs and seven different verses for white maple flats and light brown cherry wood flats, hot stamped in bright foil colours. One hundred 2 3/4" x 3 1/2" flats are \$64.50 postpaid. There are three lines on the reverse side for the sender's name etc., which is placed at no extra charge. Several designs are available for 1 1/2" round woods, hot stamped in foil colours. The issuer's name, the year and a greeting is placed on the reverse side free. Cost for 100 rounds is \$44.50 postpaid.

**Canada Wide Woods:** P.O. Box 21104 Stratford, Ont., N5A 7V4, Phone (519) 273-1715. Canada Wide Woods offers about 20 holiday designs for 1 1/2" and 1 3/4" round woods, hot stamped and printed in bright foil colours. One hundred woods are available at \$50.00 for 1 1/2" woods and at \$55.00 for 1 3/4" woods, plus shipping. Several designs are available for flat woods (2 1/4" x 3 3/4") in white maple and in light brown cherry at \$65.00 per 100 flats, plus postage. There is a \$20.00 charge for a personal name die.

**Universal Signs:** Att'n. Jim Edwards 880 Hanwell Road, Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 6A3, Phone (506) 453-1104. Jim prints on rounds or flats. Thick 1/16" balsa wood flats up to 3" x 4" are printed with a special ink that gives them an embossed (raised) effect at a cost of \$1.55 each for 100 or \$1.45 each for 200. Prices for standard 1 1/2" rounds are \$40.00 for 100 or \$70.00 for 200. Prices do not include shipping. Twenty different holiday designs are available.

**John Lawrence:** 25 North Wayne Ave., West Haverstraw, New York 10993, Phone (914) 429-2802. John offers 1/32" thick balsa wood flats in five different sizes with a choice of any three colours on each side and a selection of 80 holiday designs and eleven verses. Prices range from \$22.75 per 100 of the 2" x 2 1/4" flats to \$63.75 per 100 for the 3" x 5 1/2" flats plus \$3.75 postage. Also available are long, flat "tongue depressor"-type sticks for \$5.50 per 25 to \$15.50 per 100 plus postage of \$3.75. There is no charge for the issuer's personal data on the reverse side. All prices are in U.S. funds.

**Bayou Products Co.:** Att'n. Jerry Ledet P.O. Box 1117, Thiboudoux, Louisiana 70302, Phone (504) 447-8472. Jerry offers the standard 1 1/2" round wood with a choice of nine standard holiday designs, priced at \$24.00 per 100 plus \$2.50 shipping U.S. and \$2.90 for shipping to Canada or \$29.00 per 250 woods plus \$3.00 U.S. shipping and \$5.50 shipping to Canada. Your personal data is placed free on the reverse side in up to 80 characters and spaces.

**Original Wooden Nickel Co.:** P.O. Box 100831, San Antonio, Texas 78201 Phone 1-800-364-2270. This Co. offers the standard 1 1/2" round wood with a choice of 12 holiday designs priced at \$18.00 per 100, \$25.00 per 250, \$40.00 per 500 and \$50.00 per 1000. Shipping charge is \$7.50 per order. There is a \$10.00 charge for the set-up of the issuer's personal data on the reverse side. All prices are U.S. funds.



Shown here are the *Mother's Day* and *Valentines Day* woods issued in the past by John Hnatiuk of Vancouver, B.C. This is a continuation of pages 5 and 6 of the Sept. 1996 'Timber Talk'.

Black/Red



Blue/White

Valentines  
Day

Black/White



Black



Black/Red



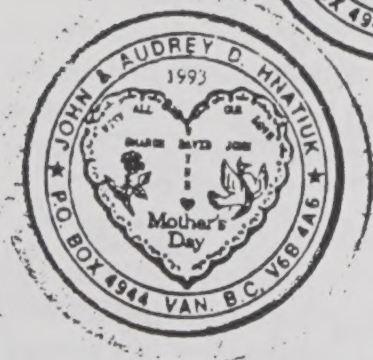
Black/White

Mother's  
Day

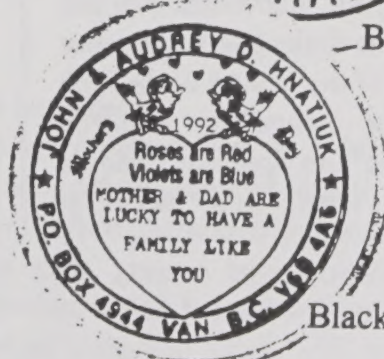
Blue/Black



Black/Blue



Blue/White



Black/White





## Numismatic Network Canada

### *Canadian Numismatics on the Internet*

Online - <http://home.ican.net/~nunetcan>  
E-Mail - [nunetcan@ican.net](mailto:nunetcan@ican.net)

#### Introduction

Canadian numismatics is in the forefront of the newest communication technology through Numismatic Network Canada (NNC), now on the World Wide Web. NNC is a non-profit association owned and controlled by the leading Canadian numismatic organizations:

Canadian Numismatic Association

Canadian Paper Money Society

Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors

Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club

Ontario Numismatic Association

Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association

Canadian Numismatic Research Society

NNC is managed by a Board of Directors appointed by these organizations and supervised by an executive committee of the board. Day to day operations on the Internet are managed by an administrator who is also the system operator.

#### The Internet

Much has been written recently about the Internet. Simply, it is the large number of big and little computers, joined together by telecommunication links that enable a great many people to access pools of information, organize discussion groups and send messages (E-Mail) to one another. When it was first established, anyone who wished to use the Internet was required to learn rather complex technical skills in order to find and retrieve anything but with the advent of the World Wide Web (WWW) in 1990, that all changed. Now, the technology required (software) is so 'friendly' that virtually anyone can quickly become proficient in its use and thereby open up a whole new world of information, communication and even fun.

#### The World Wide Web

### SOU'WESTER CLUB ISSUES 1996 WOOD

A 38mm wood has been released by the Sou'wester Coin Club to mark the club's spring show. It was once again this year held in conjunction with Shelburne County's lobster festival which is held the first weekend in June on the south shore of Nova Scotia.

The obverse, printed in black, shows the club logo surrounded by *Sou'wester Coin Club, Shelburne County, N.S., EST* to the left, and *1993* to the right.

The reverse (green) reads *The Lobster Capital of Canada, Shelburne County, N.S.* A lobster as the center design has inscribed *Lobsterfest Coin Show* above and *June 8, 1996* below.

Two hundred pieces were printed by Universal Signs of Fredericton, New Brunswick. A number of these are still available at \$1.00 each (please send a SASE or \$.50 extra) from club president **Doug Shand**, Shag Harbour, Shelburne Co., N.S. B0W 3B0.





The 'Web' is the new technology that is the part of the Internet which is the easiest to use and allows the introduction of graphics. This in turn makes the web site the ideal tool for the numismatic researcher, student, historian or collector. Images used as illustrations in source documents or as a part of communications bring the subject alive as nothing else can. In numismatics, this will usually be an essential part of a message or a research paper and is perhaps what makes the WWW so important an innovation for the numismatist. The web site is called the organization's Homepage.

### The Organizations

Each of the organizations is described including a short history, its facilities and the activities in which it engages. A calendar of events keeps members informed of exhibitions, meetings, conventions and other current affairs. Information about publications such as books or journals issued or for sale, library lists, indices, etc., are also included. A request to receive an application form is available for downloading by non-members who would like to join an organization or to receive more information.

### E - Mail

Once on the Internet, anyone can request information from or send messages to others anywhere in the world. The NNC administrator collects messages sent to NNC seeking information and arranges for replies to be sent by those numismatists most knowledgeable in the particular subject being raised. Members can contact other members about subjects of mutual interest, an important benefit especially for those who normally cannot attend conventions or meetings or are located in a remote area.

### Discussion Groups or Forums

A Forum-style discussion group will be arranged, once NNC is running smoothly. In the future, a newsgroup type of format will be set up. Initially, this will operate on a pre-arranged schedule, which will be publicized, where discussions will be organized at a specific time and date covering a variety of numismatic subjects. When the amount of interest warrants, an open or on-going news or discussion group will become available.

### Numismatic Papers, Studies, Articles

The organizations will make available articles and papers that can be downloaded to any user's computer. Some of these will be examples of the content of journals or other publications, or be special items of numismatic material not found elsewhere. Members will also be invited to submit such papers for posting.

### Accessing the Internet

It is simple. Everyone who wishes to go 'on-line' must go through an Internet Service Provider (ISP). They are now available in all the larger centres and their charges are relatively uniform, although depending on the location, it is not a bad idea to shop around before making a commitment. Most ISP's offer a trial period which has the advantage of allowing you to determine the amount of time you likely will want to spend on the Internet and therefore arrange for the fee schedule that best

## Check Your Sault Ste.

### Marie Woods

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario has in the Canadian wood listing six "Soo Locks" woods all with different colours both sides (red, black, green, blue, purple, brown). In this same listing are only four "Soo Locks Dickel" woods with four of the same colours as above. Ted Boxall has recently discovered an unlisted Sault Ste. Marie "Dickel" which is blue on both sides (not listed). This now makes one wonder if there is also, somewhere out there, a similar wood which is brown on both sides (also not listed). Does anyone else have a "Dickel" wood blue or brown, both sides? Ted would like to hear from you. Write Ted at 125 Pugsley Ave. #320 Richmond Hill, Ont., Can. L4C 8W5.





fits such usage. You also should investigate the availability of "Freenets" in your area but be cautioned that this approach may not give you access to the graphics that are such an outstanding feature of the WWW. Once on the Internet, you pay nothing more to access the NNC or any other Web site, wherever it might be located.

When assessing the cost involved, do not overlook the fact that access to NNC is only the catalyst that gets you on the Internet. Once on, there are hundreds of numismatic-related sites and thousands of other WWW sites that may satisfy other interests in your life or the lives of those around you.

### Computer Hardware and Software Requirements

Of course you need a computer and a modem to connect it to the telephone line. Review with your computer supplier what equipment you have and what you are planning to do with it. Your supplier can usually be relied on to give you a fair assessment of your needs, but shopping around is always advisable. The minimum desirable modem speed is 14,400 bps but preferably, if you can afford it, and depending on the configuration of your computer (your supplier will advise you if its feasible), we recommend you purchase a modem with a speed of 28,800 bps. The time saved especially in downloading large files with graphics, will reward you many times over for the difference in cost.

All the software you will need will be made available by your ISP when you sign up. It probably will be shareware, which if you are satisfied with it, can be upgraded at nominal cost later. By that time, you will have gained enough experience to know what you want, including the 'bells and whistles' that all computer folk fondly add from time to time to their operations.

Most ISP's use the better quality software and as well, offer technical support to help get it up and running. Some, as well, offer training courses to first-time users. Don't hesitate to use these facilities.

### FINDING NNC ON-LINE

Once on-line, use the 'location' button or menu and type NNC's URL (Universal Resource Locator):

<http://home.ican.net/~nunetcan>

The first page you see will be the initial screen for the NNC Homepage. From there, it will be easy to navigate to other areas of interest. Any time you have a question about the NNC WWW facility, send an E-Mail message to the NNC Administrator at the following address:

[nunetcan@ican.net](mailto:nunetcan@ican.net)

Off-line, you may fax your requests, questions or suggestions to NNC at the number shown below. NNC is always interested in hearing from members as to their reactions to the WWW Homepage or any matters related thereto. If you would like further information, please phone, send a fax or even a letter (snailmail) to:

**Numismatic Network Canada,**

P.O.Box 956, Station B, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2K 2T6

Phone 416-490-8659 Fax 416-490-6452

### Tractor Collector Series

*Robert Ovsak Amos and Jeanne Kotrba* of East Grand Forks, Minnesota have issued two woods highlighting John Deere tractors. Both woods are 1 1/2" in diameter and green on both sides. The green colour is obviously significant as all John Deere tractors are green in colour. The woods were made by Norm Belsten of Downsview, Ont. Two different models have so far been shown (the 530 and the 630). Just how many more will be highlighted is unknown at this time. Two hundred of each of these woods were made. Your editor has no other information available regarding these woods.

